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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Technical Services Staff

**SUBJECT : Declassification Board Meeting on Infrared
Communication System**

1. On 12 July 1955, the Declassification Board, made up of [redacted] and the undersigned, met for the purpose of determining appropriate declassification to be applied to the Infrared Communication System, since the item is now being turned over to COMSEC for operational use. It was the consensus of opinion that the classification of the item per se, which had been established as Secret, would be retained at the source of manufacture and while in the custody of the Agency. For transportation purposes to the field, all care should be given to protect the item from unauthorized persons, and it should be treated at the station as though it were classified. However, for operational purposes it could be made available to those persons who will be required to use the item.

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2. This Staff should be advised in the event the item should ever fall into unauthorized hands, so that on the basis of such a compromise all classification could be removed with the exception of the classification of Secret when associated with the Agency.

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Security Operations Officer
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